AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) A postal information input apparatus in which when a postcode to be read by a reader of a postal matter sorting machine cannot be normally read, a correct postcode is reentered manually from an input device, comprising:

a display which indicates that said postal information input apparatus has received data to be input from said postal matter sorting machine, and also indicates a number of unprocessed mail items received ~~and assigned to~~ by said postal information input apparatus.

Claim 2. (Previously Presented) A postal information input apparatus for manual entry of a corrected postcode, wherein said postcode is unrecognized by a reader of a postal matter sorting machine, comprising:

a first display which indicates that said postal information input apparatus has received data to be input from said postal matter sorting machine, and

a second display which indicates that if said data to be input cannot be input within a predetermined time, said predetermined time has passed.

Claim 3. (Original) A postal information input apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said second display is displayed within a display area of said first display.

Claim 4. (Previously Presented) A postal information input apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said first display is an icon display.

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Claim 5.   (Original) A postal information input apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said second display is a display state in which said first display has changed from a first display state of said first display to a second display state thereof.

Claim 6.   (Previously Presented) A postal information input apparatus according to claim 1, wherein a display deletion means for deleting said display, when said data to be input corresponding to said display is input within a predetermined time, is provided.

Claim 7.   (Currently Amended) A postal information input apparatus in which when a postcode to be read by a reader of a postal matter sorting machine cannot be normally read, a correct postcode is reentered manually from an input device, wherein said postal information input apparatus comprising:

a first display which indicates that said postal information input apparatus receives a data to be input from said postal matter sorting machine, and also displays a number of unprocessed mail items received ~~and assigned to~~ by said postal information input apparatus, and

a second display which is displayed within a display area of said first display and indicates that if said data to be input cannot be input within a predetermined time, said predetermined time has passed.

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Claim 8.   (Previously Presented) A postal information input apparatus in which when a postcode to be read by a reader of a postal matter sorting machine cannot be normally read, a correct postcode is reentered manually from an input device, wherein said postal information input apparatus comprising:

a first display which indicates that said postal information input apparatus receives a data to be input from said postal matter sorting machine, and also displays an unprocessed number in said postal information input apparatus, and

a second display which is a display state in which said first display has changed from a first display state of said first display to a second display state thereof, for displaying said second display state indicating that if said data to be input cannot be input within a predetermined time, said predetermined time has passed.

Claim 9.   (Currently Amended) A postal information input apparatus in which when a postcode to be read by a reader of a postal matter sorting machine cannot be normally read, a correct postcode is reentered manually from an input device, wherein said postal information input apparatus comprising:

a first display which indicates that said postal information input apparatus receives a data to be input from said postal matter sorting machine, and also displays a number of unprocessed mail items received ~~and assigned to~~ by said postal information input apparatus,

a second display which indicates that if said data to be input cannot be input within a predetermined time, said predetermined time has passed, and

a display deletion means for deleting said first display and said second display, when said data to be input corresponding to said first display is input within a predetermined time.

Claim 10. (Previously Presented) A postal information input apparatus in which when a postcode to be read by a reader of a postal matter sorting machine cannot be normally read, a correct postcode is reentered manually from an input device, wherein said postal information input apparatus comprising:

a first display which indicates that said postal information input apparatus receives a data to be input from said postal matter sorting machine, and also displays an unprocessed number in said postal information input apparatus,

a second display which is displayed within a display area of said first display, and which indicates that if said data to be input cannot be input within a predetermined time, said predetermined time has passed, and

a display deletion means for deleting said first display and said second display, when said data to be input corresponding to said first display is input within a predetermined time.

Claim 11. (Previously Presented) A postal information input apparatus in which when a postcode to be read by a reader of a postal matter sorting machine cannot be normally read, a correct postcode is reentered manually from an input device, wherein said postal information input apparatus comprising:

a first display which indicates that said postal information input apparatus receives a data to be input from said postal matter sorting machine, and also displays an unprocessed number in said postal information input apparatus,

a second display which is a display state in which said first display has changed from a first display state of said first display to a second display state thereof, for displaying said second display state indicating that if said data to be input cannot be input within a predetermined time, said predetermined time has passed, and

a display deletion means for deleting said first display and said second display, when said data to be input corresponding to said first display is input within a predetermined time.

Claim 12. (Previously Presented) A data display method of a postal information input apparatus, in which when a postcode to be read by a reader of a postal matter sorting machine cannot be normally read, a correct postcode is reentered manually from an input device, wherein said method comprising the steps of:

receiving a data to be input from said postal matter sorting machine,

displaying on a display device of said postal information input apparatus a first display indicating that said postal information input apparatus receives a data to be input from said postal matter sorting machine, upon reception of said data,

displaying on said display device a second display indicating that if said data to be input cannot be input within a predetermined time, said predetermined time has passed, and

deleting said first display and said second display displayed corresponding to said data to be input, when said data to be input being input within said predetermined time.

Claim 13. (Original) A data display method of a postal information input apparatus according to claim 12, wherein said second display is displayed within a display area of said first display.

Claim 14. (Original) A data method of a postal information input apparatus according to claim 12, wherein said second display is a display state in which said first display has changed from a first display state of said first display to a second display state thereof.

Claim 15. (Previously Presented) A data display method of prompting an operator of a postal information input apparatus to supply a postal code unrecognized by a postal matter sorting machine, comprising:

sending information associated with a rejected mail item whose postal code could not be recognized by the postal matter sorting machine to a postal information input apparatus;

displaying a first indication that information associated with the rejected mail item has been received by the input apparatus and requires operator input;

displaying a second indication of the number of rejected mail items associated with the information received by the input apparatus requiring operator input;

displaying some or all of the information received on the input apparatus display; and

receiving operator input of the correct postcode based on the information displayed.

Claim 16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 15, further comprising:

deleting the first indication after operator input has been received.

Claim 17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 15, further comprising:

updating the second indication after operator input has been received.

Claim 18. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 15, further comprising:

displaying a third indication that the operator input has not been received within a predetermined time period.

Claim 19. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18, wherein said first, second, and third indications are icons.

Claim 20. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18, wherein the third indication is displayed within a display area of the first indication.

Claim 21. (Previously Presented)　A data display method of prompting an operator of a postal information input apparatus to supply a postal code unrecognized by a postal matter sorting machine, comprising:

sending information associated with a rejected mail item whose postal code could not be recognized by the postal matter sorting machine to a postal information input apparatus;

displaying a first indication that information associated with the rejected mail item has been received by the input apparatus and requires operator input;

displaying some or all of the information received on the input apparatus display; and

displaying a second indication that operator input of the correct postcode based on the information displayed has not been received within a predetermined time period.

Claim 22. (Previously Presented)　The method of claim 21, further comprising:

deleting the first indication after operator input has been received.

Claim 23. (Previously Presented)　The method of claim 21, wherein said first and second indications are icons.

Claim 24. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 21, wherein the second indication is displayed within a display area of the first indication.